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vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information,  
vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing  
information, wherein the processing device is located at a  
location remote from the vehicle and remote from the  
communication device;

generating at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair  
report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, with the  
processing device; and

transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a  
repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to  
the communication device.

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MARKED-UP VERSIONS SHOWING CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS 1 AND 11:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for processing vehicle  
information and/or vehicle maintenance information, comprising:

a memory device for storing at least one of vehicle  
diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle  
maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information;

a receiver for receiving information regarding at least  
one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle

state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle;

a processing device [processor], wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, wherein the processing device processes the [for processing said] information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, [in conjunction with] utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device [said processor] generates at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report; and

a transmitter for transmitting [at least one of said at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information,] the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to [a] the communication device [associated with an individual].

11. (Amended) A method for processing vehicle

information and/or vehicle maintenance information, comprising:

storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, in a memory device;

receiving information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is received by a receiver, and further wherein the information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle;

processing the [said] information regarding the [said] at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, [in conjunction with] with a processing device utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device;

generating at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, with the processing device; and

transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device [at least one of said at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, to a communication device associated with an individual].

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please delete the Abstract Of The Disclosure and please substitute therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet.

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 11 and 21-38 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 2-10 and 12-20, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 21-38. Applicant has also amended independent Claims 1 and 11. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 11 in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claims 1 and 11, over the prior art. Applicant submits that the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 11 do not contain new matter. Applicant further respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 21-38 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §102 AND §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chou, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,330,499 (Chou). The Examiner rejected Claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kolls, U.S. Patent No. 6,389,337 (Kolls). The Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chou in view of Kirkevold, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,263,322 (Kirkevold). The Examiner rejected Claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chou in view of Chapin, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 5,931,878 (Chapin). The Examiner also rejected Claims 14-17. The Examiner stated: "Claims 14-17, are method claims corresponding to apparatus claims 6-9 above. Therefore, they are rejected for the same rationales set forth as above."

As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 2-10 and 12-20, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 21-38. Applicant has also amended independent Claims 1 and 11 so as to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claims 1 and 11, over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 11 do not contain new matter. Applicant further respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 21-38 do not contain new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the present

invention, as defined by Claims 1, 11 and 21-38, is patentable over the prior art.

**IA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 1 AND 21-30, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1 and 21-30, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Chou. Applicant respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for processing vehicle information and/or vehicle maintenance information, comprising a memory device for storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, and a receiver for receiving information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

Applicant further respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest a processing device, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, wherein the processing device processes the information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device generates at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

Applicant further respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest a transmitter for transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 1, which



features are important and recited features of said independent Claim. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Chou.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 21-30, which claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 1 and which serve to further narrow the scope of independent Claim 1, are also patentable as said Claims 21-30 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 1 and 21-30 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

**IB. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 11 AND 31-38, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 11 and 31-38, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Chou. Applicant respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest a method for processing vehicle information and/or vehicle maintenance information, comprising storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, in a memory device, receiving information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is received by a receiver, and further wherein the information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

Applicant further respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest processing the information regarding the at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, with a processing device utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the

communication device, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

Applicant further respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest generating at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, with the processing device, and transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Chou does not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 11, which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Chou.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 31-38, which claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 11, so as to include all of the

limitations of independent Claim 11 and which serve to further narrow the scope of independent Claim 11, are also patentable as said Claims 31-38 depend from allowable subject matter.

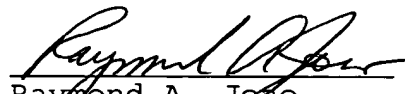
Allowance of pending Claims 11 and 31-38 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

**II. CONCLUSION:**

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Allowance of pending Claims 1, 11 and 21-38 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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